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HCQCAA USA's 2025 Walk/ Run/Bike Fundraiser A Success



Mary Symmonds presenting a certificate of appreciation to Springer Memorial Alumni Association President Margaret Dean with Springer alumnae in the background)

HCQCAA USA concluded its fourth annual fundraising challenge on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

The challenge which raised some US\$7740 for scholarships and US\$860 for the HCQCAN Improvement Campaign, was fun, suspense-filled and closely contested to the very end. Twice daily updates sustained the event's momentum. This year QC started off in the lead and maintained the lead for all seven days of the challenge, which is based on miles walked, run or biked — or any combination thereof - accomplished in a single day and reported by 11:59 pm on the final day.

While QC was the overall winner for the fourth consecutive year, Wayne Greaves of HC once again clinched the title in the individual category with Mary Symmonds of QC holding on to the runner up spot.

MS QC Warriors took the highest scoring team spot.

Springer Memorial, which backed QC, was the winner in the Association Category and was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

We also acknowledge the participation of the Barbados-based Youth at Risk Foundation, whose members also backed QC.

In the funds raised category, we acknowledged Wayne Greaves, followed by Mary Symmonds and Cecelia Pilgrim. We

acknowledge all participants and donors who made this possible.

Your participation and contributions are enabling us to both grant and renew financial aid scholarships to first formers at both schools. In 2024, we awarded BDS\$1,500 scholarships to one student at HC and one student at QC. In September 2025, we were able to renew two scholarships each at both schools, making our total donations BDS\$4500 to each school.

We are looking forward to donating our first form financial aid scholarships for the 2025/6 school year. We also anticipate awarding, for the first time, tertiary level scholarships for the 2025/6 school year to one July 2025 school leaver.

To help us make timely awards for the school year, we would appreciate your contacting us at hcqcalums@gmail.com and helping us to disseminate information about the scholarships.

Our scholarships are paid from the Angie Ford Memorial Scholarship Fund for Queen's College and the Junior Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund for Harrison College. Through our fundraising, we currently hold US\$9,000 in each scholarship fund.

We hope you will join us next year in this healthy, fun challenge, which also raises funds to make a difference.



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What Are You Doing For Others?

by Mary Symmonds, President HCQCA (USA)

A most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?' **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

HCQCAN celebrates its fifth annual virtual uplifting year-end concert, and we invite you to reflect on our journey.

Six years ago, during the COVID pandemic, HCQCAN launched its inaugural concert to help our alumni, fellow Barbadians, and friends to cope with the pandemic's devastating effects through healing and uplifting music. This event also celebrated Barbados's exemplary efforts to minimize COVID's impact.

Since that time, we have produced the concert annually as a source of upliftment amidst ongoing challenges. This year's concert is made possible by the generous contributions of students from both schools, alumni, and friends. We are grateful to our historical sponsors, including UNICOMER; individual donors of prizes and other donations — BTMI; OSI Computers; Black Cake Company (USA); Richard Edghill; Grant Morris (Canada); Casper's at Miami Beach; Rhaj Paul; Rosita Lynch (Florist); and Be Gone Pest.

We also thank past performers including Adiza Djibril (granddaughter of HC alum); Adrian Clarke (HC); Ahren and Xavier Francis (QC students); Charmaine Blair (QC); Choir of the Church of Transfiguration NY (Friend); Dale Rudder (Mr. Dale QC); Debbie Ann Jemmott (QC); De Quon Alleyne (Quon, QC); Elan Trotman (QC); Faith Leacock (QC student); Grace Hackett (sister of HC alum); Harmonie Haynes (HC student); G-Syndicate (QC alums); Heather

and Jasmine Cutting (wife and daughter of HC alum); Jessica Clara (HC); Juanita Clarke (QC); Joseph Callender (Friend of QC); Joshua Jemmott (QC); Joy Lelanie Garbutt (daughter of HC alum); Karlos Cobham (QC); Mark Anderson (Friend of HC); Mikel Gooding (HC student); accompanied by John Roett (HC); Mark Anderson (Friend of HC); Mijon Zulu (son of QC alum); Natalee (QC); Nathan Richards (HC); Rupee (HC); Marvay (HC); Mikey (QC); and John Yearwood; the late Lee Callender (HC); O'Shea Stoute (HC student); Phillip Forde (HC); Raymond (HC) and Marcelle (QC) Maughan; Roger Gittens (HC); Sean Jackson (former teacher QC); Roxanne Carruth (Friend of QC); Ryle Bell (HC) and the Estate Band; and Susan Grogan, (friend of QC).

Our MCs and invocation presenters were drawn from the HC and QC pool, including Laura Nichols, (HC); Sharon Callender (QC); Sharyn Gittens (HC/QC); DJ Ras (Shane Edwards, QC); and Rev Dr. Laurel Scott (QC), Rev. Guy Hewitt (HC), Rev. Michael Walcott (QC).

In October 2021, under the patronage of Dame Sandra Mason, the then Governor General, we launched an Improvement Campaign to enhance the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and Sports (STEM-HC and STEAM-QC) infrastructure at both schools. We included a fundraising component in our concert as a result. We skipped 2023, because we

celebrated The Night of the Stars - the awards ceremony for HC and QC Alumni in October. That event also commemorated the 290th anniversary of HC.

Thanks to the contributions of alumni and friends, we have contributed to:

- the completion of the sports pavilion at QC, the construction of which was driven by **GIVE BACK QC CHARITY**
- drawings and engineering plans for the robotics and food science labs at HC
- fundraising tools including the Commemorative Publication, with a few copies still available for purchase. Contact us at the email below 2020hcqcgatherin@gmail.com for details.

We continue collecting funds to meet the funding requirements for the projects prioritized by the schools and thank all alumni for their invaluable support through donations, purchases and participation. Your involvement makes a difference. Please contribute to our concert this year and help us make a major step forward in implementation. See you on YouTube, on Thursday, 18th December 2025, at 7:30 p.m. AST (Barbados time), 6:30 p.m. EST (the time on the East Coast in North America). And enjoy the exciting lineup of performers.

And please donate - you may be a lucky winner of one of our exciting prizes.

PASSAGES

Celebrating the social, professional and personal milestones of our alumni.

If you have events that you'd like us to feature, please reach out to us at communications.hcqc@gmail.com



International foreign affairs expert
Dr Andy Knight FILE

Dr Andy Knight

Harrison College alumnus **Dr Andy Knight** has been awarded **The Gerry Hall Human Rights Award** by Canada's **John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights**.

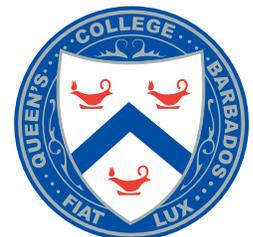
The former United Nations adviser, Fulbright Chair at Yale University and head of the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad accepted the honour not only for himself but on behalf of "the colleagues, students, community members and fellow advocates who have walked alongside me in this long journey."

JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE
for **PEACE** and **HUMAN RIGHTS**



Lisa Hurley

Queen's College alumna **Lisa Hurley** has been named a **2025 Anthem Awards Finalist** for her book *Space to Exhale*. The author describes her book's mission as "to carve out room for softness, joy, self-care and rest, especially for Black women navigating a world that too often values us only for our labour." The book is nominated in the category of *Awareness: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging*.



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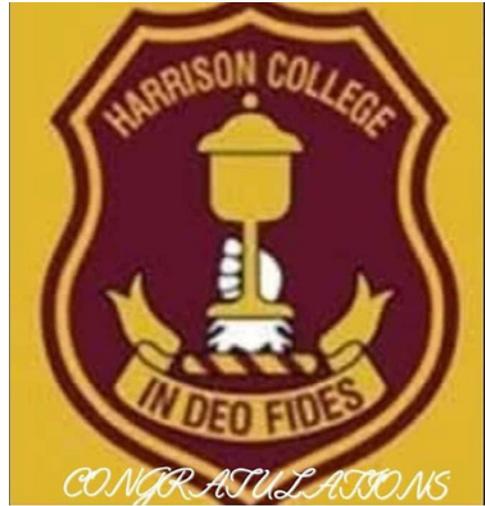
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Shaina Goodridge

Registered Engineer CSP and Queen’s College Class of ’99 graduate **Shaina Goodridge** has been named the **Health & Safety Professional of the Year 2024** by the **Human Resource Management Association of Barbados** at their 30th Anniversary Awards.



Harrison College Cricketers

The Barbados U19 Female Cricket team recently won the Regional Championship in Trinidad. The team included five players from Harrison College. These players are **Eboni Brathwaite**, **Dicoreya Collymore**, **Dicyrah Collymore**, **Jadaeya Holder** and **Zoe McCallister**. Well played, Ladies!

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Buzo Osteria Italiana - Bridgetown

QC alumnus **Danny Mansour**, General Manager of Buzo Osteria Italiana – Barbados, alongside the Executive Chef Nakita Goddard, accepted the award for **Best Restaurant in The Caribbean** at the **North America's 50 Best Restaurants 2025 Awards Ceremony** in Las Vegas.

How to Join the Associations

Your Alumni Associations look forward to welcoming new members, and to your participation in upcoming reunion events both online and in person!



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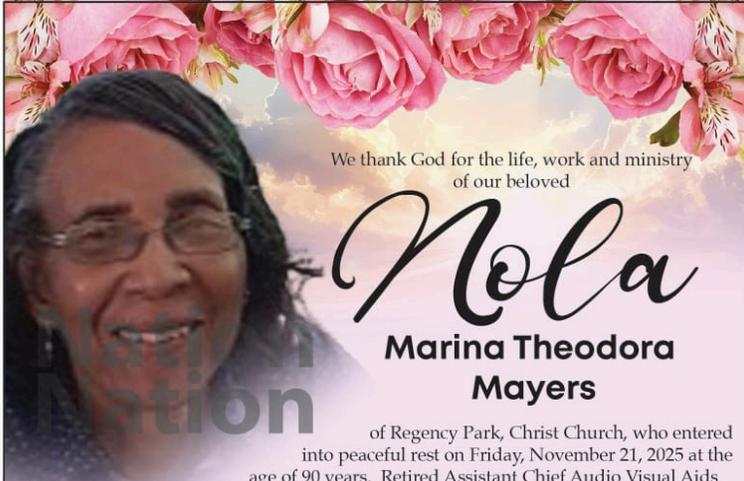
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In Memoriam



We thank God for the life, work and ministry of our beloved

Nola

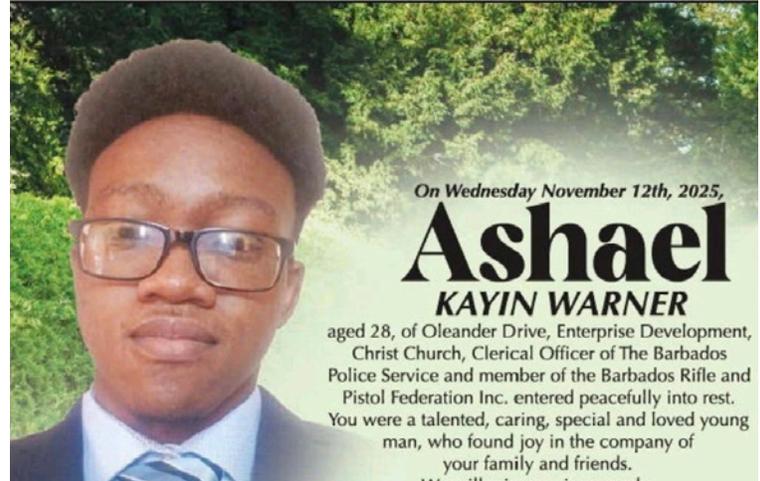
Marina Theodora Mayers

of Regency Park, Christ Church, who entered into peaceful rest on Friday, November 21, 2025 at the age of 90 years. Retired Assistant Chief Audio Visual Aids Officer, Audio-Visual Aids Department, Ministry of Education and former Organist and Choir Director of Dalkeith Methodist Church.

Wife of the late Dr John Mansfield Mayers (UWI and ICBL)
Mother of Stephanie Brathwaite (Portugal), Dr Alison Mayers (The Oral Care Centre) and Peter Mayers (BTMI New York)
Grandmother of Tanya and Joy Brathwaite, Luke and Joshua Sealy, Kourtney and Emma Mayers and the late Dante Emanuel
Sister of F. Patricia (Pat) Beckford (New York) and of the late Geroge and Percy Clarke
Aunt of Ian and Pierre Beckford, Maxine, Edward, Julia and Peter Clarke and of the late Teresa, Gail and Charles Clarke and Andrea Clement
Great-aunt of Georgia (Iricia), Raymond, Nicholas, Wayne Clarke, Gina Trotman and Greg Jones and many others
Cousin of Jennifer Leacock, Cherie, Wendy, Erwin and Wallace Alleyne, Eneida O'Neill Gonzalez, Lorna Ward, Annette Jebod Singh, Brenda Briggs and of the late Arnold, Willie and Jean-Louis Alleyne, Glynn Lascelles, Eurine and Marion Shorey and many others
Mother-in-law of Hector Sealy and Cadien Mayers
Godmother of Cecile Murrell and Karen (Bobby) Hinds
Lifelong friend of Vilma Harris and June Alleyne-Millar and the late Geraldine King, Eleanor Joseph (Toronto), Lisle (Austin) Ward, Henry Forde, Roger Marville, Glencora Titus and Alinda (Babsy) Fritz (Princes Town, Trinidad).

The funeral leaves **CLYDE B. JONES FUNERAL HOME** Top Rock, Christ Church on Tuesday, December 16 at 8:00 a.m. for Bethel Methodist Church, Corner of Probyn and Bay Street, Bridgetown where relatives and friends are warmly invited to a Service of Thanksgiving at 10:00 a.m. You may also join the family via live stream at www.clydebjonesfuneralhome.com. The Organist and Choir are kindly requested to attend. The cortege will then proceed to the Churchyard of St. David Anglican Church, St. David's Village, Christ Church for the interment.

Floral tributes may be delivered to **CLYDE B. JONES FUNERAL HOME** no later than 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday. Her body will repose for viewing on Monday, December 15 at Dalkeith Methodist Church, Dalkeith Hill, St. Michael from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To express condolences please visit www.clydebjonesfuneralhome.com



On Wednesday November 12th, 2025,

Ashael

KAYIN WARNER

aged 28, of Oleander Drive, Enterprise Development, Christ Church, Clerical Officer of The Barbados Police Service and member of the Barbados Rifle and Pistol Federation Inc. entered peacefully into rest. You were a talented, caring, special and loved young man, who found joy in the company of your family and friends. We will miss you immensely.

Beloved son of Dr. Gerry Warner and Sally Ann Burton-Warner;
Brother of Akobi Burton;
Nephew of Roslyn, Janice and Patricia Warner, Timothy Burton, Geoffrey and Shelly Lovell, David Matthews, Karen Forde-Warner and Joel Byron;
Cousin of Dr. Shai Warner, Steffan, Zahra, Djavan, Colwyn, Lisle and David Warner, Adella O'Neal, Dario and Durell Byron, Josee and Samuel Ross, Jewel, Joshua and Jules Burton, Oliver and Roderick Hinkson, Shaquille Matthews, Dayna Glasgow, Jevon and Jaden Harding-Lovell and many others;
Relative of the Warner, Burton, Matthews and Walters families;
Dear friend of Ashlee Daniel, Dr. Anthonya Branford, Scotty Cummins, Tariqe Bonnet, Denzel Carter and others too numerous to mention.

A Service of Worship, Praise and Thanksgiving celebrating the life and work of **Ashael Kayin Warner** will take place on Friday November 28, 2025, at the Chapel of Coral Ridge, The Ridge, Christ Church, where relatives and friends are asked to meet at 2:00 p.m. The cortege will then proceed to the Christ Church cemetery for the interment. **His body will repose for viewing on Thursday at Jo-Anne Jones Funeral Services from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday at the Chapel of Coral Ridge from 1:00 p.m. until the start of the service, during which time floral tributes will be gratefully accepted.**

Mourning colours are optional.

Tributes in Ashael's memory will commence at 1:30 p.m. **The service and interment will be streamed live on Friday from 1:30 pm on <https://eternally-cherished.online/AshaelWarner>**

If desired, e-mails of condolence or tributes may be directed to the family to jojonesfuneral@gmail.com or by phone to (246) 418-0879 or 262-8745.

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In Memoriam

"It's not easy to say goodbye"

Margo Denise Watkins

Aged 57 Of Casuarina Estate, St Philip
Entered into rest on Thursday, August 28, 2025.

Daughter of Eula and the late Llewellyn Watkins;
Sister of June, the late Ronald and Ian Watkins;
Mother of Orion Seale;
Grandmother of Nevaeh Seale;
Niece of the late Katheline Marshall, Emine Davis, Annette Griffith, Gwendolyn, Kenneth, Lawrence, Winfield and Herbert Arthur;
Aunt of Melissa Watkins and Christal Knight;
Great-aunt of Chadae Maughan, Dysean Knight and the late Ranico Aymes;
Godmother of Kamal Seale and Zico Carter;
Companion of Charles Bryce;
Relative of the Arthur, Watkins, Griffith, Marshall and Davis families;
Dear friend of Coly-Ann Benn, Karen Stuart, Sherry Millar, Harriette Harewood, Henderson Cumberbatch, Henderson Payne, Chad Maughan, Alicia Brathwaite, Cherylene Mayers; The Surfside Gym, ICAB, QC Alum, Fab50s group; Dr. Winston Batson, Dr. Sherry Belle, Charmaine Seale & the Seale family, and many others.

The funeral takes place on Friday, September 19, 2025, at St Matthias Anglican Church, Christ Church at 10 a.m.; followed by the interment at Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens. The organist and members of the choir are kindly asked to attend. Wreaths may be sent to
Downes and Wilson Funeral Home on Friday, September 19, 2025 no later than 8 a.m. Relatives and friends may pay their respects at **Downes and Wilson Funeral Home**, Eagle Hall, St Michael on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 4-6 p.m.

Live streaming via
<https://eternally-cherished.online/MargoDWatkins>
or Downes and Wilson Funeral Home website

Condolences may be sent to
www.downesandwilson.com




Stephanie Nicole Alexander née Jackson

aged 39, late of Shekinah Close, St. Martins, St. Philip, formerly of Kingsland, Christ Church. Employee of the United Nations World Food Program, entered into rest on October 24, 2025 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Daughter of Warren Jackson and Rosita Bourne;
Wife of Jason Alexander;
Stepdaughter of Edward Bourne;
Grand-Daughter of Carlye and Daphnie Bowen (both deceased), John and Isaline Jackson;
Daughter-in-Law of June and Joseph Alexander;
Sister-in-Law of Tricia, Shawn and Sherol Griffith;
Niece of Eleanor and Joseph Greaves (both of the UK), Wayne and Marlean Alleyne (both of the USA), Mryna Sealy (Deceased), Lolita and Whitfield Bowen, Angela Birkett and Whitcliffe Bowen (deceased);
Aunt of Devonte Birkett, Jacob Alleyne (USA) and many more;
Cousin of Jennifer Tibbs, Jeffrey and Andrea Greaves (all of the UK), Sharon Ward, Fabian Bowen, Wayne Alleyne Jr. (all of the USA), Shawn Birkett (Cayman Island), Jessica Birkett and Biko Parris;
Friend of Danielle Dottin, Crystal Bourne, Akil Franklin, Danielle Holder, Tesha King, Natasha Yearwood, Natalie Taylor, Ruth Parris, Angela Daniel, Barbara O'Neal, Staff of The United Nations Procurement Department, Egula Benn, Mordea Farley and Cheryl Brathwaite and family and many more.

Relative of the Jackson, Bowen, Alexander and Griffith families.

A Service of Thanksgiving celebrating the life of **Stephanie Nicole Alexander née Jackson** will take place at Sanctuary Empowerment Centre, Country Road, Bridgetown, St. Michael on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a private cremation. **No mourning colours by special request.** Viewing takes place at **St. George's Home for Funerals**, Carmichael House, Carmichael, St. George, on Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The family invites you to livestream the service at <https://sharingmemoriesforever.live/StephanieAlexander>. Enquiries of the funeral entrusted to **St. George's Home for Funerals** can be made at 271-4381. Kindly post online condolences to: st.georghomeforfunerals@gmail.com



Carolyn
**MARGARET
BYNOE,**

aged 70, of Pleasant Hall, Barbados
passed away unexpectedly at her home in Wales
on November 15th, 2025.

Beloved mother of Alyssa O'Byrne and Samantha Blanchette,
Sister of Susan Williams and Alison Standley,
Cherished grandmother of Hazel Florence O'Byrne.
She was the **daughter** of Roderick "Roddy" Bynoe and Constance Margaret Bynoe, and is predeceased by **her infant son**, Thomas Roy Blanchette. **Carolyn** will be remembered for her kindness, gentle nature, and the beauty she carried inside and out. She had a lifelong love of art, music, sailing, swimming, gardening, complementary medicine, Japanese culture, and above all, her family and friends. Funeral arrangements are not yet finalized.

A small memorial gathering will be held in Barbados at the Radisson Pier on December 3rd, 5-7pm, for sunset drinks and an informal opportunity for old friends to share memories and say goodbye.




*Our condolences to those who mourn!
May happy memories comfort you.*

HCOQ Alumni Association Toronto Scholarships 2025

Every year, the Harrison College Queen's College Alumni Association in Toronto awards two scholarships — one to a Harrison College student (The Harold Brathwaite Memorial Scholarship) and one to a Queen's College student (The Diana Massiah Memorial Scholarship). This year, the scholarship committee faced an especially difficult task, as many highly qualified students submitted outstanding applications.



Keiara Worrell: A Journey of Purpose and Perseverance

Keiara Worrell is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a major in Accounting and Industrial Relations at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

A passionate advocate for leadership, community involvement, and personal growth, she has consistently demonstrated excellence both academically and beyond the classroom.

Keiara attended The Lodge School and later Queen's College, where she earned outstanding CAPE results and served in several leadership roles, including Student Council member, Form Captain, Prefect, and 2nd Vice President of the Barbados National Students' Council. These experiences strengthened her belief in teamwork, resilience, and the power of using one's voice for good. Outside her studies, Keiara enjoys exploring new cuisines, photography, music, and travel. The loss of her beloved aunt in 2024 profoundly shaped her journey, inspiring her to honour her memory by striving for excellence and making a meaningful impact wherever she goes.



Anya Walcott: Passion for Service, Leadership, and Tourism

Anya Walcott, a proud Harrison College graduate, is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Tourism & Hospitality Management at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Starting at a young age, Anya has been deeply committed to volunteerism and advocacy, participating in beach clean-ups and events like RBC Royal Bank's Race for the Kids and the Rotary Club's Carols by Candlelight. She has held leadership roles including President of the HC Key Club, where she led initiatives such as gully clean-ups, creating care packages for the homeless, and engaging children at the Nightingale Children's Home. As General Manager of the HC Young Entrepreneur Society, Anya was a finalist in the Barbados Entrepreneurship Foundation's \$20 Challenge, earning recognition for her innovative business ideas. She is also a UNICEF Child Rights Ambassador and Student Wellness Champion, designing workshops to support youth mental health.

Passionate about tourism, Anya aims to bring sustainable, culturally rich experiences to Barbados' visitors.

Blasts from the Past!



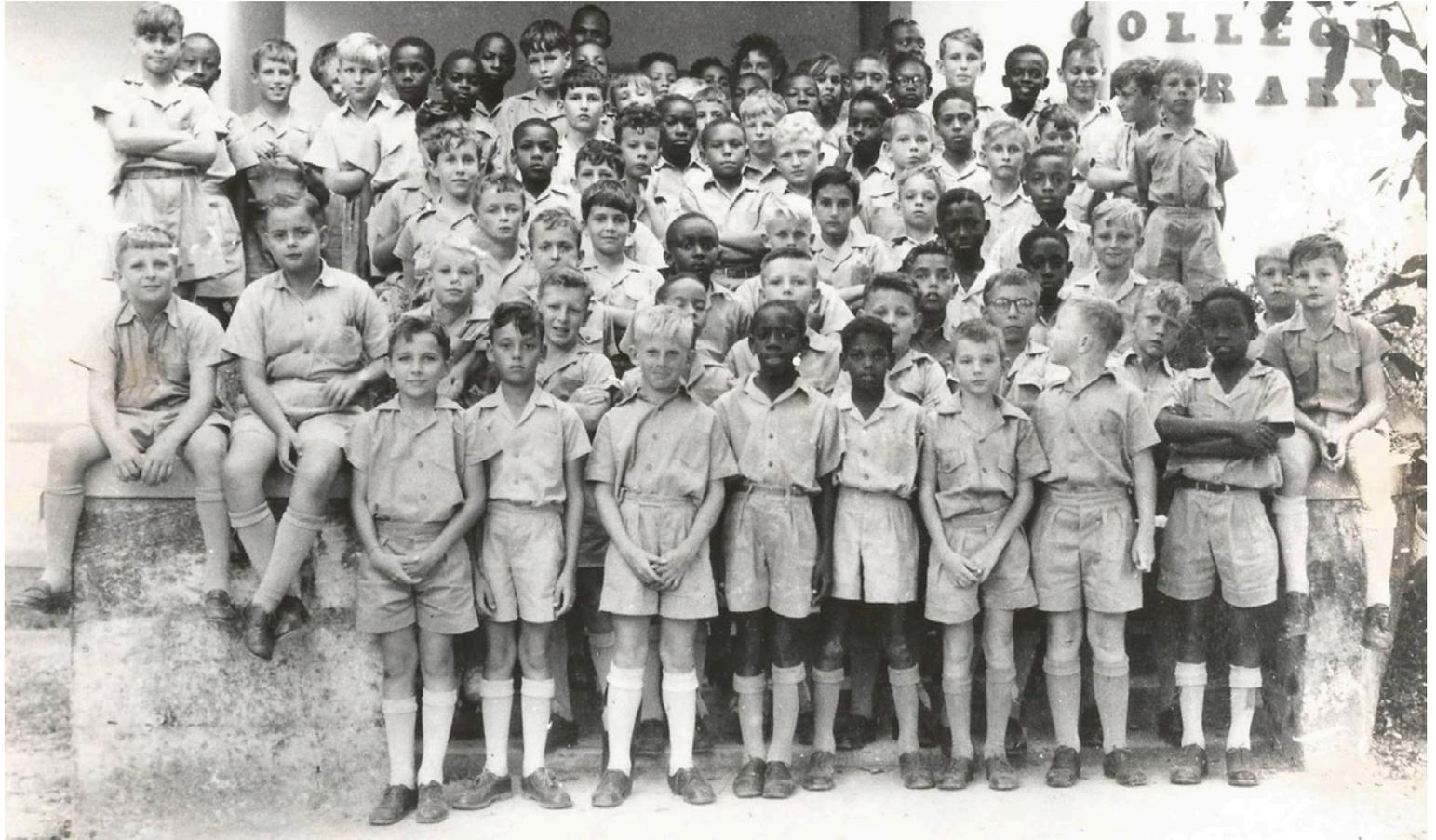
Queen's College Teaching Staff circa 1970



Queen's College Students, date unknown

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Harrison College Prep Form Students, 1954



Here we are with another newsletter from the erudite HC/QC Alumni Association. We would love to have some feedback from you. And especially, we would love your input. We are looking for contributors and fun photos through the ages.

**Give us your valuable feedback at:
communications.hcqc@gmail.com**